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ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS INDICTED FOR SELLING HEROIN

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **OMAR ROBLES-MUNGUIA, FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ-LOPEZ, and ROGELIO GARCIA-MENDEZ**, believed to be Louisville residents, but with unknown addresses, with conspiracy to distribute more than 100 grams of heroin. In addition, **ROBLES-MUNGUIA** was charged with distribution of heroin on six occasions, aided and abetted by the other two men on two occasions.

The Indictment alleges that between July 11 and October 13, 2006, **ROBLES-MUNGUIA, RODRIGUEZ-LOPEZ, and GARCIA-MENDEZ**, conspired together to distribute more than 100 grams of heroin. The Indictment also charges **ROBLES-MUNGUIA** with distributing heroin on six occasions: July 11, July 25, August 29, September 15, September 21, and October 13, 2006. On each of these occasions, **ROBLES-MUNGUIA** sold heroin in quantities ranging up to two ounces (56 grams) per transaction to an undercover Drug Task Force Officer assigned by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to the Drug Enforcement Administration. On September 21 and October 13, 2006, **RODRIGUEZ-LOPEZ** and **GARCIA-MENDEZ** assisted **ROBLES-MUNGUIA** by serving as lookouts while he sold heroin to the undercover officer. The three men were arrested on October 13, 2006, at the Summit Plaza near Brownsboro Road and I-265 where the

heroin was delivered. The two previous heroin deals took place in the parking lot of a retail shopping area near Westport Road and I-265. The total street value of the heroin distributed as part of this investigation is over \$54,000.

If convicted, the maximum penalties for these defendants are life years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 4 years.

All three men entered the United States from Mexico illegally. The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement has initiated a process to deport the men to Mexico at the conclusion of this prosecution, including any sentence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John E. Kuhn, Jr., and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Task Force. All the defendants are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on November 21, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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